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A MEMORANDUM SIGNED ON APRIL 26 BY SOVIET AND JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SAKHALIN OIL AND GAS REPRESENTS SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON THE PROJECT, BUT MANY DETAILS HAVE BEEN LEFT UNSETTLED. JAPAN WILL EXTEND 430-455 MILLION INCREDITS TO USSR. US PARTICIPATION, SPECIFICALLY GULF OIL, IS ALLOWED. CREDITS INCLUDE 420-25 MILLION FOR A COMPUTER SYSTEM, WHICH MAY BE PURCHASED IN US. IF EXPLORATION IS NOT SUCCESSFUL, THE SOVIETS WILL NOT REPAY CREDITS. JAPANESE REGARD US PARTICIPATION AS ESSENTIAL BUT GULF REPRESENTATIVES WERE BARRED FROM NEARLY ALL NEGOTIATING SESSIONS IN TOKYO.

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CATED THAN THOSE BETWEEN JAPAN AND USSR. E-2 IMPDET.H

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